

## ABSTRACT

1           An exemplary method involves creating a master session over a first connection  
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3 through a server; and creating a virtual channel over the connection, the virtual channel  
4 operable to communicate a feature session. The method may involve establishing a direct  
5 connection that bypasses the server, and switching communication of the feature session  
6 to the direct connection. A system for network communication includes a plurality of  
7 transport bridges, each transport bridge corresponding to an active network device  
8 configuration, and a switching module operable to choose one of the transport bridges to  
9 form a connection between two computing devices based on the active network device  
10 configuration.  
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